



August 17, 2015

## Weekly Report

# Highlight of Departmental Activities

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### Agriculture/Cooperative Ext.

#### Family and Consumer Sciences

- Submitted monthly column to Daily Courier.
- Held Grandparents Raising Grandchildren summer event.
- Conducted radio program.
- Prepared for upcoming classes.

#### Agriculture

- Private & Commercial Pesticide Applicator Trainings, 4 Sessions Offered.
- Master Gardener Training
- Farmers Market Committee Meeting
- Continued to network with consumer and commercial agriculture clients.

### Airport

The Airport sold 758.5 gallons of 100LL to 30 aircraft and 684.0 3 gallons of Jet A to 3 aircraft last week.



1946 GC-1B Swift - pictured left

A military transport aircraft on a training flight.



## **Board of Elections**

Board Members, Director and full-time Staff are attending the statutory training by the State Board of Elections in Winston-Salem this week. The conference will prepare our department for changes in processes and statutes for the upcoming Municipal election and for 2016.

## **County Manager and Commissioners**

The County Manager, Commissioners and staff were involved in meetings, webinars, and projects making for a very busy week.

Monday began with meetings at ICC and also, with several department head meetings. Tuesday consisted of quite a few discussions with individual department heads, in addition to appointments with citizens. Rails-Trails Committee met Wednesday and there was a special meeting at IPDC. Additionally, Wednesday consisted of the Airport Agenda review in preparation for the next board meeting. County Manager Garrison worked on Golden LEAF Grant Information (**see Press Release on page 3**).

The week concluded with several additional departmental meetings, project discussions, appointments, conference calls, public relations, advising, and preparation for various responsibilities.

## **Economic Development**

This week, the Economic Development Department attended the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting, as well as multiple meetings with county departments and industry allies.

Economic Development staff continues to be busy following up with multiple industrial recruitment and expansion prospects, preparing for the upcoming EDC Board meeting, and working on marketing and advertising efforts to promote Rutherford County and the Economic Development product via promotional items and social media. This week's schedule also included securing advertising space in the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina's 2015-16 Economic Development Guide.

## **Finance**



The Finance Department continues working to close out the fiscal year and prepare for the auditors.

The Finance Office has processed accounts payable this week. The Deputy Director has attended several meetings.

Once again, a special thanks to the Finance staff for their hard work and dedication. Finance staff, Jeanette Bosgra and Holly Keever, arrived at work with unplanned "twinsie" outfits (**pictured left**)! *Great minds think.....opposite?*

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# Press Release

## **Golden LEAF Seeks Rutherford Projects to Fund**

Workshop Scheduled this Month

**Rutherfordton, NC, August 14, 2015:** Through its Community Based Grantsmaking Initiative (CBGI), the Golden LEAF Foundation seeks to provide assistance for projects in the Western Prosperity Zone of North Carolina, which includes Rutherford County, that support the building blocks of economic development. The Foundation seeks to fund those programs and initiatives that most closely align with its mission and priorities. Governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organizations that serve the people of North Carolina are eligible to request funding from Golden LEAF.

The goals for FY 2016 include the following:

- Providing for clearly identified priorities/solving needs at local level
- Awarding significant grants per county (up to \$1.5 million) for those with competitive projects
- Targeting counties that are the most in need
- Promoting economic growth and development in long term
- Doing the most good for the most people

Per the Golden LEAF grant requirements, only project ideas that are endorsed by the County Manager will receive consideration. Per Rutherford County Manager Steve Garrison, *"I will serve as the key contact of the process, in terms of responsibility for submitting a slate of projects that are ready to go. Projects do not have to be administered by Rutherford County government. This is a focused process with grants targeted toward investments in the building blocks of economic growth. A Golden LEAF goal is that the project does the most good for the most people."* Grants are limited to projects that address economic development, education, workforce development, infrastructure, health care infrastructure and agriculture.

Rutherford County governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organizations interested in submitting a Letter of Intent to apply are invited to attend an information session at the Rutherford County Administration (Annex) building located at 289 N. Main Street in Rutherford County on Monday, August 31, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.goldenleaf.org](http://www.goldenleaf.org).

**For Immediate Release**

## **Fire Marshal/Emergency Management**

Fire Marshal and staff:

- conducted one fire origin and cause investigation.
- responded to assist Forest City Fire & Rescue on a commercial building fire.
- attended North Carolina Firefighters annual conference in Raleigh.

## **Human Resources**

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. Welcome new hires Denise Scoggins (DSS), Joshua Howell (DSS), Cory Hill (Building Inspections), Hannah Ramsey (DSS), Angela Justus (p/t Sheriff), Morgan Reed (p/t EMS), Kara Griffith (p/t EMS), Lawrence Berdan (p/t EMS), Alexander Goodman (p/t temp Senior Center), Vicki Edwards (IT), Michael Sheridan (IT), Michael Brunson (DSS), Karen Conner (p/t Coop), and Victoria Walker (p/t 911). Employees who have left the employment of Rutherford County are Callie Crain (Detention), Lisa Hass (p/t Detention), Sherilynn Greene (p/t Detention), Terry Padgett (p/t Detention), and Marty McCraw (DSS). *Congratulations to Marty on her retirement. Marty served DSS for over 12 years. We wish her the best!!*



The HR Director attended several meetings including a webinar. The HR Specialist conducted new employee orientation. EMS and Transit are currently accepting applications. Apply at [Rutherfordcountync.gov](http://Rutherfordcountync.gov) or 289 North Main Street. As the summer continues to heat up, remember to stay hydrated!!

We would like to wish our HR Specialist, Brooke Watson, a very Happy Birthday. She celebrated her birthday on Tuesday (**pictured left**).

## **Library**

### **Library Director:**

The Director spent time sorting through donations for the upcoming book sale September 24-26. She was onsite with Haynes Branch Manager, Deb Womack, at the new Southeastern Library to make last minute suggestions and gain clarification about certain aspects of the building. The director worked with Kenneth, IT librarian, to sort through Makerspace supplies and equipment which has started arriving in anticipation of a mid-September opening.

**Youth Services Librarian:** Besides the continuation of the Summer Reading Program analysis, the Youth Services Librarian has been involved in activities gearing up for back to school. The next Super Science Saturday is on August 22 at 11:00 with "Blast off into Physics!" We'll learn about forces, motion, and gravity, and even launch (weather permitting) a real outdoor rocket. The program is for grades K-12, and is free.

### **Marketing/Outreach Coordinator:**

Many thanks to Wal-Mart for the donation of 12 puzzles and one game to be used in-house at the three library branches.

### **Mountains Branch:**

Mountains Branch was busy with kids coming in to fill Summer Reading requirements. We also enjoyed a visit from BrightStar Touring Theater with two programs, Captain Friendship and the Bully Bandit and American Tales & Tunes. Joy Sharp worked on library PR including articles for the Mountain Breeze and Rutherford County Weekly. She also worked to promote library programs happening later this month. Two computer classes on using Facebook were offered, and the Genealogy Club held their monthly meeting.

## **Register of Deeds**

<b>Transaction Group</b>	<b>Cash</b>
Copies	\$ 59.50
Recording Fees	5,808.00
Document Stamps	8,832.00
Marriages	480.00
Certified Vitals Copies	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,179.50</b>

## **Revenue Department**

**The Revenue Department** is still working 3842 - November motor vehicle renewals and handled 43 VTS assists. The office answered 901 phone calls and assisted 404 customers. We completed 3 plat reviews, 1 pre-permit, 2 GIS projects and answered 4 data requests. Appraisers completed 39 building permits and 74 field reviews. A total of 33 new documents were recorded and 7 new accounts were set up. Transfers consisted of 57 straights, 6 estates, 6 splits, and 1 acreage adjustment. GIS created 12 new maps. The GIS website had 160,330 hits and 113,623 successful searches. E911 addressing assigned 2 new addresses, Part time maintenance workers completed maintenance on 7 road signs. 11 appeal letters were mailed out and 1 discovery was completed this week. The PUV program assisted 5 program members. Electronic payments consisted of 24 by credit card, 156 by website and 14 over the phone. Collection action consisted of 12 newspaper items. Staff completed 44 occupancy taxes, 22 bankruptcy issues and processed 2446 items mailed in. In person taxpayers at the counter brought in 265 tax payments. Thirty-seven new deeds were certified for recording purposes.

## **Senior Center**

The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from Carolina Home Care conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. Forty-one clients took advantage of this service. Our Walking Club met on Tuesday and will be walking together at 8:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning. The Senior Center provided a trip to the local Farmer's Market on Tuesday. We also had a special speaker on Tuesday, George Allen, talking about "GriefShare," a support group offered at Grace Chapel.

On Wednesday, Steven Green, owner of MyoBalancing, discussed the importance of posture and how to create awareness toward muscular imbalances of the body.

Lastly, we sponsored an intergenerational event with Cassidy Upton (high school student) teaching sign language. The participants were able to learn some basic words and phrases during this class.

Upcoming:

Zumba at 6:45 on August 17, 31

## Sheriff's Department

Calls for Service:	4,803
Warrants Served/Total Arrest:	196/198
Domestic Calls:	226
Involuntary Commitments/Hours.:	26/21.0 Man Hrs.
Civil Papers Served:	335
Exparte's Served:	39
Evictions:	21
Animals Pickup/Surrender:	230
Animals Returned to Owners or Rescued:	144
Animal Control Calls for Service:	230
New Cases Assigned to Detectives/Road Patrol:	255/26
Pill Drop Collections:	4,050 Doses Units/588ml Liquids
Average Daily Inmate Confinement:	194
Gun Purchase Permits Issued:	173
Carry Concealed Permits Issued:	32
Project Lifesaver Clients/Contact Hours:	5/3.0 Man Hrs.
Registered Sex Offenders/Contact Hours:	84/21.0 Man Hrs.
Litter Control Calls/Cases Assigned/Closed	17/51/2

### Promotion:

### Position

**Effective: 07-20-2015**

**Off. John Patterson, Detention ----- Cpl. Detention**

**Effective: 08-03-2015**

**Ptl. Ben King, Road Patrol ----- Cpl. Road Patrol, B-Crew**

**Effective: 08-17-2015**

**Ptl. Chris Lee, Road Patrol ----- Cpl. SRO, East Middle**

### New Full-Time:

**Effective: 07-15-2015**

**Linda Morrison ----- Detention**

**Effective: 07-20-2015**

**Nickolas Marlow ----- Detention**

**Effective: 07-24-2015**

**Michael Snyder ----- Ptl. Road Patrol, C-Crew**

**Effective: 08-03-2015**

**Robert Laney ----- Cpl. SRO, R.S. Middle**

**Paul Mitchell ----- Ptl. Road Patrol, D-Crew**

**Amanda Toney ----- Detention**

**Brian Higgins ----- Detention**

### Other Changes:

**Effective: 08-03-2015**

**Jeff Smith, Cpl. SRO, East Middle ----- Ptl. Road Patrol, A-Crew**

## Soil & Water

District Staff attended Conservation Education Training in Hickory.

## **Social Services**

On August 3 - 6, State Reviewers were at the agency to lead a Child Protective Services Process Review. The review of records involved four state reviewers, our program manager and child welfare supervisors, and our regional program representative. The review also involved discussions with management, supervisors, and line staff focus groups. Nine county DSS agencies have already participated in a review, which is the result of a newly formed team created by the General Assembly to monitor the processes of CPS in the wake of issues in several counties over the past several years. These reviews assist counties in improving outcomes in CPS and assist in creating improved procedure and practice. Also last week, the Director, Fiscal Officer, and IM Program Administrator participated in the statewide DSS Director's conference call. On Friday, the Director and IM Administrator met with Nick Riggs, Regional Program Director with Enroll America's Get Covered America campaign. They work closely with Pisgah Legal Services in our area to increase access to health coverage in Rutherford County, either through the Health Insurance Marketplace or through local community health clinics. DSS staff will provide an intake form for consumers that are not eligible for Medicaid and who would like more information about assistance from Get Covered America. Interviews were conducted this week for the vacant Medicaid Transportation Coordinator, Program Assistant and IM Caseworker positions. On Tuesday, the Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team met at DSS, and four child fatalities were reviewed. The Director attended committee meetings and the statewide DSS Director's meeting in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday. DSS welcomes new employees Michael Brunson, Hannah Ramsey, and Denise Scoggins.

## **Solid Waste**

Customers served 303

Loads hauled from convenience centers 60

Loads shipped to Lenoir 20

Recycling loads shipped to Conover 2

Tire customers 28

The office staff has been busy this week researching options for electronic recycling. Due to the commodity market our current vendor is going to start charging for electronic recycling. Also staff continues to work on the recycling grant. The director attended meetings about electronics, held internal meetings, met with Debra on an issue and met with different vendors. The transfer station staff continues to process the MSW and recycling. Also they are wrapping electronics daily so we can ship out as many electronics as possible before the rate increase. The C&D staff continues to process the material coming in while continuing to work with David Odom on the soil and erosion plan. The shop staff continues to fix equipment while also performing preventive maintenance on equipment. We have had several demos of different equipment this week to help with the bush hogging of the landfill and airport. Work continues to be performed at the airport. The landfill had 5 community service workers this week. Please remember the Sheriff's office is submitting the Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer report.

Please continue to recycle!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Transportation Services**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>WEEKLY AVG</b>
Emergency Calls	159	168
Convalescent Calls	54	59

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>WEEKLY AVG</b>
Total Miles	9,692	10,056
# of Local Trips	1,143	1,149
# of Out of County Trips	50	81
# Unduplicated Passengers	227	241
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,141</b>	<b>\$15,385</b>

### **Veterans Services**

#### **Operation Home Front Project**

Shop at the Dollar Tree....they are collecting school supplies for veteran's school -aged children. Director Marie Champion picks up supplies on Mondays and will be handing out to children. Only one more week to collect so help support the Operation Home Front Project.

#### **Hamburger/Hotdog Cook Out**

Save the date!

September 18th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Office

Come join us for a good meal.

<b>Mail In</b>	86
<b>Mail Out</b>	113
<b>Fax</b>	180
<b>Phone Calls In/Out</b>	74
<b>Veteran Contacts</b>	186





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